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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 13, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, You have received into Your holy presence Your servant, Queen Elizabeth II. As she lays down her crown before Your throne, grant her rest from her labors and reward for her toil.

Remove from her shoulders the responsibilities You bestowed upon her, which she bore faithfully. Honor her for the devotion she has shown throughout her lifetime to You and to Your people.

Give peace to the people of the United Kingdom that in this period of mourning and transition, they will call upon their noble history and exercise the dignity of their heritage. Inspire in them the desire to uphold the divine values their Queen strove so diligently to protect.

May her memory be a blessing and her virtue a standard.

Then above all the pomp and circumstance, speak to leaders around the world to remind them that kingdoms and principalities are ever subject to Your will. Their rise and fall are at Your decree. Grant peace and pros-

perity to all who are placed in positions of power, who heed Your word and yield to Your authority. And may we who are called to serve You in these days, be a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in Your hand, O Lord our God. In Your sovereign name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the statue of Harry S. Truman from the people of Missouri.

FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR AMERICANS

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act and the massive financial relief it will bring to hard-working American families.

The Inflation Reduction Act is monumental. It is historic. It will do several things, including: lower prescription drug prices; lower the cost of healthcare for millions; lower energy costs; and lower the deficit and reducing inflation.

On top of this, President Biden recently went a step further in helping Americans by announcing his remarkable student loan relief program. This is huge for many young Americans.

It is simple. House Democrats and President Biden are producing results for the American people because together, we are putting people over politics.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to celebrating these key victories at the White House this afternoon alongside the President and following these remarks I will be going straight over there.

RIISING INFLATION

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this morning, we received data that highlights once again the failure of the Biden administration to provide for our economy and to provide for the economic well-being of America.

At home in Pennsylvania, I have heard stories of parents unable to afford back-to-school clothes and supplies for their children and patients unable to afford the gas to put in their cars to drive to doctors' appointments.

These problems are fruits from the same poisonous tree. Reckless government spending has sent prices skyrocketing across our economy. Instead

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of addressing this cost, liberals continue to double down by passing their so-called Inflation Reduction Act while the Congressional Budget Office now reports that this act will increase our deficit through 2026.

The fact is simple. President Biden has proven that he is unable to stop the runaway inflation that has raised the cost of housing, raised the cost of groceries, and continues to affect energy sources throughout America. The answer to this crisis will not be found in more government handouts.

Now more than ever, we need to stop the inflation that is crippling our economy and hurting Pennsylvania and all American families.

NASCAR RETURNS TO NORTH WILKESBORO

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on May 21, 2023, NASCAR's All-Star Race will return to North Wilkesboro Speedway for the first time in more than a quarter century.

Since its inception in 1947, North Wilkesboro Speedway has hosted 93 NASCAR Cup races, and has attracted household names, from Richard Petty to Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

Mr. Speaker, NASCAR's grassroots return to this historic track—is its former stomping grounds—is a testament to the rich history of motorsports in western North Carolina.

Generations of North Carolinians and motorsports enthusiasts from around the country will gather and watch history be made in North Carolina's Fifth District.

Though this event is months away, the anticipation and energy within the community are very palpable. We look forward to this event.

BIDENFLATION HURTS FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the absurd declaration of Biden last month of "zero inflation" is an insult to intelligence.

Inflation is at 8.5 percent, the highest in 40 years. American families know gasoline is up 44 percent; electricity, up 15.2 percent; food, up 13.1 percent; and transportation, up 9.2 percent, destroying jobs.

Americans are fortunate to have vibrant radio talk shows, modern Paul Reveres, such as Columbia's Morning News (560 AM) with Gary David and Christopher Thompson. Yesterday, they highlighted the Heritage Foundation analysis that the average American worker has lost \$3,400 in annual income since Biden took office due to Bidenflation.

Gary revealed the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2021 that Americans spent

more on taxes than they did on food, clothing, and healthcare combined. The Federal Reserve reported that household net worth fell \$6.1 trillion from March to June.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism moves from the safe haven in Afghanistan to America.

God bless Ukraine victory.

Queen Elizabeth II will always be cherished in America.

THE CARRICO FAMILY ANGELS IN ADOPTION RECIPIENT AWARD

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Carrico family of Fancy Farm, Kentucky, who recently received the Angels in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

Each year, CCAI selects individuals across the Nation who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of children in need of loving homes.

I want to congratulate Janet, Ellen, Peyton, and the entire Carrico family on their well-deserved recognition. They opened their hearts and house by fostering over 10 children and adopting 6 into their family.

Their devotion to helping children extends to the Fancy Farm community, as well. They can often be seen directing and volunteering for various youth-centered programs within the St. Jerome Parish of Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

Fancy Farm and the entire First Congressional District of Kentucky should be proud of the Carrico family.

This beautiful Kentucky family has shown what love can really do.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO KEN STINSON

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to wish Ken Stinson from Omaha, Nebraska, a happy 80th birthday.

A Notre Dame grad, a degree in civil engineering, two tours in Vietnam, a master's degree in civil engineering from Stanford, he had a wonderful career with Peter Kiewit Sons in Omaha, one of the Nation's largest general contractors.

He is an accomplished engineer credited with the McHenry Tube Tunnel in the Baltimore Harbor, which more than 43 million vehicles pass through annually.

He and his wife, Ann, live in Omaha with six children. He has changed lives in the State of Nebraska through his public service and through his philanthropy. Nebraska and America are a better place because of it.

On behalf of the people of the First District of Nebraska, all Nebraskans, and our Nation, a very happy birthday to Ken Stinson.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR NICOLE POOLMAN

(Mr. ARMSTRONG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, tonight in Bismark, there is an event honoring the State senate career of Nicole Poolman.

Elected in 2012, Nicole served in the North Dakota State senate for a decade. She used her career as a teacher to educate members of the Senate on how to govern with intelligence, competence, and grace.

Mr. Speaker, I know this better than most. She was my seatmate on the floor of the State senate for 6 years. Because of her friendship, I have become a better public servant, and more importantly, I have become a better person.

She is retiring from the senate to continue to focus on her true passion, teaching.

This year marks her 25th year as an educator. In that time, she has taught in three high schools and has had such a positive impact on thousands of North Dakota students. The North Dakota State government is going to miss her dearly. But their loss is her students' gain. I am so very proud to call her my friend.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LIVES LOST IN NORTH CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memoriam of those who lost their lives in the horrific wildfires that have once again plagued Northern California this fire season.

In what is known as the McKinney fire in Siskiyou County, we lost four of our neighbors: Kathleen Shoopman, who was 73; Charles Kays, 79; Judith Kays, 82; and John Cogan, 76—all sadly lost their lives in this fire.

Yet, another fire, also in Siskiyou County, known as the Mill fire, two women, ages 66 and 73—whose names have not been publicly revealed yet—sadly lost their lives, as well.

Season after season, our constituents are subject to fire danger. Our prayers are with the families and the souls of those that we have lost this season.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a moment of silence from the House.

(Mr. BIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1